THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) As per available information average cost of generation of a unit electricity from thermal, hydcl and gas based stations based on annual accounts of the State Electricity Boards for the year 1990-91, was as under:—

Thermal	—76.31 paisc/kwh
Hydel	—14.10 Paisc/kwh
Gas	—70.43 Paisc/kwh

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The annual account of the State Electricity Boards arc laid before the respective State Legislatures as per requirement under Section 69 (5) (a) of Electricity Supply Act 1948.

Setting up of a Thermal Power Plant at Visakhapatnam

210. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Andhra Pradesh propose to set-up a 1000 MW thermal power plant at Visakhapatnam in collaboration with Mission Energy, U.S.A.;

(b) if so, what is the present status thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Mission Energy threatened to pull out of collaboration;

(d) if so, what arc the reasons therefor;

(e) whether it is true that Government of Andhra Pradesh approached the Central Government to intervene in this matter; and

(f) if so, the details of the action taken by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI):(a) A consortium of mission Energy Company (USA) and Ashok Leyland Limited (India) has signed a MOU with APSEB for setting up a 1000 MW thermal power Plant at Visakhapatnam.

(b) to (f) The consortium has raised certain issues to be resolved before proceeding further with the proposal. The discussions period has accordingly been extended by APSEB up to 31.1.1993 as requested by the consortium.

Electricity Requirement for the Year 2000 A.D.

211. SHRI S.K.T. RAMACHAND-RAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to stated:

(a) whether any projection on the requirement of electric power in India for the year 2000 A.D. has been made by Government;

(b) if so, what is the projected demand for that year; and

(c) what are the percentages of increase of this projected demand to the actual (i) requirement, (ii) generation and (iii) consumption of electric power in India in the year 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per the 14 Electric Power Survey, the projected demand for the year 1999-2000 and the percentage increase over the demand for the year

1991-92 is as under:—